



WOODSTOCK, VIRGINIA.

Wednesday Oct 6 1880

FOR PRESIDENT:

W. S. Hancock.

OF PENNSYLVANIA.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT:

Wm. H. English.

OF INDIANA.

ELECTORS:

FOR CONGRESS—7TH DISTRICT:

HON. HENRY C. ALLEN,

OF SHENANDOAH.

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# Mahone's Participating Proposition.

The third article in Mahone's primary election proposition fixing the qualifications of voters at the primary reads as follows: "That every registered voter in the State of Virginia, who will be participating in this primary election, shall be entitled to vote."

Democrats of Shenandoah, did you ever hear of such a qualification as the only prerequisite for voting at a democratic primary election. The Republicans have no qualms of conscience in participating in anything that has a tendency to break down democracy and every black and white republican in Virginia would have only thought he was doing his duty to the tight handed party of force that he belongs to in participating in the democratic primary and as certain as the sun rose on the 2d of November, would have voted for Garfield. Did not seventy republicans by participating in the 7th of July Convention declare their intention to support the ticket for Hancock and English which they flattered then, but now almost to a man they are working hard and soul for Garfield. Have not republicans white and black declared their intentions to support democracy by participating in every so-called democratic readjusters' convention, state, congressional and county, held in this State for the last six months, and thus assist in the republican conventions held in the same counties and districts and are now enlisted in this fight for poor perjured Garfield, are the voters who under Mahone's proposition, would have determined at the primaries, for whom democrats should vote on the second of November. Democrats beware of Mahone and his faithful allies.

## The Warrenton Fizzle.

A correspondent of the *Whig* gives a glowing account of the meeting held at Warrenton. Among other things he says the meeting was a splendid success and added at least one hundred converts to the Re-Adjustment.

We have had the opportunity of reading a letter from a gentleman whose name carries conviction of the truth of every word he writes. He says:

WARRENTON, Sep. 28th, 1880.

"We are so solid here (not a Seventh July in five miles of us) that we do not fairly appreciate the troubles abroad."

He further says that not being able to make a satisfactory arrangement about a division of time, Capt. Riddleberger and Gen. Williams spoke about three hours. Then the democratic meeting was called at another place, while they were still speaking, "and it left them with 27 listeners, chiefly from Culpeper and Fairfax. This county is solid. Such appeals don't count here."

It takes quite a successful correspondent to get one hundred converts out of an audience of twenty seven listeners.

Encouraging news is received from all parties of Judge Allen's district. The people recognize in Judge H. C. Allen a fearless champion of the people's rights. He is not the man to advocate a repeal of the capitation-tax qualification in order to get negroes' votes. He stands upon the democratic platform and has never been known to waver. He will have a grand barbecue at Lafayette, a Seventh of July stronghold, and want our Culpeper and Spotsylvania friends to come over and see how we do it.

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Colonel Popham is a specimen of the Republican Mahonites. He is an out-and-out Republican, an outspoken advocate of General Garfield, and yet he is at the same time an ardent supporter of the Mahone electoral ticket in Virginia. Why? Because, as he distinctly avows, he considers that he can by defeating the regular Democrats advance the interests of the Republican party. He wishes to put down the "old Bourbons" of Virginia, he says he can best use for the purpose the electoral weapons which General Mahone has put into his hands. He does not for one moment pretend to be a Hancock man. Scratch any other Republican, white or black, who supports the Mahone electoral ticket, and you will find an enemy of the Democratic party not of Virginia only, but of the United States.—*Rich. Dispatch*.

# Squeakings.

The Mahonees are getting scared. They see the hand-writing on the wall. They begin to realize that Shenandoah democrats will not be sold to the radicals through the 7th of July. They have taken up a lot of old and young squeakers who are to make an effort to get the people of this county to swallow the nauseous dose. Whenever one of them attempts to make a speech and says nothing against Garfield and wants to talk about the public debt and nothing else, you may know that he is trying to deceive you.

## The Campaign in Virginia.

(Correspondence of the *Conservative Democrat*.)

Rappahannock.—"We will have a grand barbecue on the 19th at Washington. Rappahannock will beat her record of last year, and I think will give 500 majority for the regular ticket. The feeling is fine."

Craig.—"Have just finished a tour of Craig, and have not met one human being who will vote the July ticket. The indignation at Mahone for preferring the association of black radicals to white Democrats is universal. I wish the *Conservative Democrat* was a daily. It does good wherever it is read."

Amelia.—"Our cause is gaining strength in this county. The unanimous sentiment in favor of a fusion of the two tickets shown at the Amelia meeting argues well for the regular ticket. Whatever else is doubtful, it is certain that Mahone refused a fusion preemptorily. On his head the result must fall."

Sussex.—"Except in one district in this county, the May ticket will have everywhere a majority, and we do not despair of Waverley. I am glad to see you draw the line between Readjusters and Mahonites. I am a Readjuster, but am against entering into partnership with the Republican party to tear down Virginia Conservatism. We fought too long against the Republicans to build up that party, now to turn round and help them to pull it down."

Princess Anne.—"At Kempsville we had a fine meeting last evening (24th). Goodie and Lacy spoke, and it is needless to say who won. The Seventh of July ticket will not get the Readjuster vote of this county by a large majority. Our confidence and numbers grow daily."

Fauquier C. H.—"Readjusters are coming over to the National Democratic ticket, since Mahone's refusal to unite in great numbers throughout this district. The plan to sell out to the Republicans has no defenders here."

Bedford.—"Cannot exaggerate the value of our discussion here to-day (Sept. 27), between Tucker and Frazer and Fieldin and Cameron. The town is ablaze with excitement, and many Readjusters have proclaimed their purpose to be with us in this fight."

Orange.—"Since the refusal of Mahone to unite with Conservatives, for fear of offending the negroes, there has been a stampede of Readjusters to our ticket in this county. Colonel Barbour's dignified manner and honest good sense are very taking with our people. Neale is behaving most gallantly, doing his full duty. His defeat in Convention has not left a trace. On the 22d of October we will have a grand barbecue at Lafayette, a Seventh of July stronghold, and want our Culpeper and Spotsylvania friends to come over and see how we do it."

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# An Appeal of the Readjuster to Readjusters.

(From the *Alexandria Gazette*.)

To the editor of the *Alex. Gazette*:

Feeling a deep interest in the settlement of the State debt on a basis which would be just and equitable and in the power of the people, the writer of this, though a bondholder, refused to fund his bonds under the old funding act, and proposed through the public press a readjustment of the State debt soon after the passage of the funding bill. And though he has not approved the course of the self-styled readjusters of latter days in all their acts, he has felt a deep sympathy with the great objects for which they have striven; and he had hoped that in 1881 some great, wise, just, and equitable principle would be adopted in convention which would be approved by the people, and becoming a law of the land would settle finally and forever this vexed question. The course, however, of many of the leaders of this party has recently unsettled my convictions and well nigh blighted my hopes. Not satisfied with making the settlement of the State debt the one great issue at the proper time, before the people, and separating it from all other questions, they have attempted to engraft it on federal politics, and in order to secure offices for themselves, they are making it an issue, not only for congressional honors, but for federal patronage; and when they had refused to participate in either of the national conventions for the selection of candidates for the presidency, for the avowed reason "that they intended to elect an independent electoral ticket, pledged to no party, and when the conflict was ended, and the vote of Virginia might decide the issue, and they would affiliate with that party who would offer the best terms," they now refuse to unite with the grand old conservative party of Virginia in the choice of Hancock, but prefer rather to coalesce with republicans, in order to secure their cooperation in the election of themselves to office hereafter.

The electoral vote of the State being thus endangered, wise, prudent, and conservative readjusters and democrats of all shades of opinion on State questions in Shenandoah and Page, addressed communications to General Mahone and Mr. Koerner, chairman of the committee of the readjuster and conservative democratic parties of Virginia, begging them to unite on the election of Hancock by taking five electors from each ticket and submitting the choice of the eleventh to the national democratic committee. Of this patriotic proposition General Mahone took no notice, and when it was submitted by the conservative committee, they indignantly rejected it. A proposition thus emanating from the patriotic masses of both parties who saw and knew that the State debt question had nothing to do with the election of a President of the United States, and earnestly desiring to unite all the old elements, who stood shoulder to shoulder in wresting the State from military despotism and carpet bag rule, and thus insure the election of the patriotic Hancock, was spurned and rejected by the mongrel leaders of a party, who assume to profess all the virtues, honesty and intelligence of the State, but who prefer radical rule to democratic success.

Why speak of the infamous proposition to submit the great issue involved in the Presidential contest, as far as Virginia is concerned, to the vote of any one, black or white, radical, readjuster or democrat, rather legally qualified to vote or not? Why speak of the coalition between the leaders of the radical and readjuster parties to defeat the regular conservative democratic ticket? Why speak of the withdrawal of radical candidates, and the refusal of readjusters to run were radicals have the majority, fearing they might endanger the defeat, and secure the election of a conservative democrat? Why speak of the efforts of the readjusters to disrupt the radical Stanton convention in order to capture that vote for themselves? Why speak of the refusal of such men as Barbour, Harvey, Moffett, Pridemore, and thousands of others who honestly desire to readjust the State debt, but will not affiliate with these selfish and inappropriate leaders, who have sought by every conceivable political machination to promote their own personal ends, and that too, at the peril of the great liberty loving, constitutional democratic party of the United States? Let it be known, be repeated, be reiterated through every town, city and hamlet in Virginia that General Mahone and his readjuster satellites, rejected contemptuously the wise, prudent and patriotic proposition of the sons of the Valley, preferring a coalition with the radicals to a union with the followers of Stonewall Jackson and the conservative readjuster and democratic masses of the people. No wonder that such a party could without compunction of conscience or a blush of shame choose as a companion a radical republican negro rather than a one-legged soldier of the Stonewall Brigade. Chop-ye between them!

## A Conservative Readjuster.

The Outlook.

Freed from the entanglement of fusion possibilities which at the same time were impossibilities, we can scan the field with something like a certain eye as to the result. We want Democrats to read these figures and hand them around to their neighbors.

Official vote for Readjuster senators in the fall of 1879. 73,979

Official vote for Debt Payers senators in the fall of 1879. 71,268

Readjusters majority. 2,718

Since this vote included all the Republicans and all the Democrats, it affords a partial basis for an estimate in the present election.

We present the following additional:

Total vote for Tilden in 1876. 139,670

Total vote for Hayes in 1876. 95,558

Democratic majority. 44,112

Of the Democratic vote of 139,670

The *Whig* estimates the Readjuster voters in the fall of 1879, at 51,181

Democrats who did not vote for Readjuster. 80,489

On the basis of the election of 1876 the vote would stand this year as follows:

Republicans. 95,558

Democrats. 80,489

Readjusters. 50,181

This would give the Republicans a majority over the Democrats of 15,039, and over the Readjusters of 36,377. It would therefore require only a little more than 15,000 of the Readjuster vote to stay with the Democratic party in order to defeat the Republicans, while for the Seventh of July ticket to accomplish that result more than 36,000 Democrats would have to abandon their party.

Now we know that thousands of Readjusters are standing by the Democratic party, while we have never heard of a single man leaving it who had not acted with the Readjusters.

The least sanguine calculations estimate that at the lowest count one half of the Readjusters will refuse to bow the knee to Baal.

Hence the result:

Democratic Debt Payers for the regular ticket. 80,489

Democratic Readjusters for the regular ticket. 29,591

Democratic vote. 110,079

Republican vote. 95,558

Democratic majority. 14,521

If the vote is lessened by non-payment of taxes, as it must inevitably be no matter how carefully each party tries to pay up, it will ensure to the benefit of the Democratic party in the proportion of at least a loss of three Republicans to one Democrat. And if the Seventh of Julyers can induce any Republican to vote their ticket, as we trust they will, just to that extent will the Republican vote be lessened and the Democratic majority be increased.

The plain lesson of the figures is, however, for all Democrats to stand by the old flag and close up the ranks.—*Winchester Times*.

## Disqualification.

It is refreshing to hear the denials of the booters and their "faithful allies," that they have no intention of over the capitation tax. Will it be believed that these Republicans, who are expected to rally to the standard of the old Congress, or of any State Legislature, or executive or judicial officers of any State, and had gone into the so-called "rebellion," was to be allowed to enter the Underwood Constitution, which provided for the exclusion from the right of voting of thousands of the very best men in Virginia? No one of the thousands of men who had been members of the old Congress, or of any State Legislature, or executive or judicial officers of any State, and had gone into the so-called "rebellion," was to be allowed to enter the Underwood Constitution, which provided for the exclusion from the right of voting of thousands of the very best men in Virginia? No one of the thousands of men who had been members of the old Congress, or of any State Legislature, or executive or judicial officers of any State, and had gone into the so-called "rebellion," was to be allowed to enter the Underwood Constitution, which provided for the exclusion from the right of voting of thousands of the very best men in Virginia? No one of the thousands of men who had been members of the old Congress, or of any State Legislature, or executive or judicial officers of any State, and had gone into the so-called "rebellion," was to be allowed to enter the Underwood Constitution, which provided for the exclusion from the right of voting of thousands of the very best men in Virginia? No one of the thousands of men who had been members of the old Congress, or of any State Legislature, or executive or judicial officers of any State, and had gone into the so-called "rebellion," was to be allowed to enter the Underwood Constitution, which provided for the exclusion from the right of voting of thousands of the very best men in Virginia? No one of the thousands of men who had been members of the old Congress, or of any State Legislature, or executive or judicial officers of any State, and had gone into the so-called "rebellion," was to be allowed to enter the Underwood Constitution, which provided for the exclusion from the right of voting of thousands of the very best men in Virginia? No one of the thousands of men who had been members of the old Congress, or of any State Legislature, or executive or judicial officers of any State, and had gone into the so-called "rebellion," was to be allowed to enter the Underwood Constitution, which provided for the exclusion from the right of voting of thousands of the very best men in Virginia? No one of the thousands of men who had been members of the old Congress, or of any State Legislature, or executive or judicial officers of any State, and had gone into the so-called "rebellion," was to be allowed to enter the Underwood Constitution, which provided for the exclusion from the right of voting of thousands of the very best men in Virginia? No one of the thousands of men who had been members of the old Congress, or of any State Legislature, or executive or judicial officers of any State, and had gone into the so-called "rebellion," was to be allowed to enter the Underwood Constitution, which provided for the exclusion from the right of voting of thousands of the very best men in Virginia? No one of the thousands of men who had been members of the old Congress, or of any State Legislature, or executive or judicial officers of any State, and had gone into the so-called "rebellion," was to be allowed to enter the Underwood Constitution, which provided for the exclusion from the right of voting of thousands of the very best men in Virginia? No one of the thousands of men who had been members of the old Congress, or of any State Legislature, or executive or judicial officers of any State, and had gone into the so-called "rebellion," was to be allowed to enter the Underwood Constitution, which provided for the exclusion from the right of voting of thousands of the very best men in Virginia? No one of the thousands of men who had been members of the old Congress, or of any State Legislature, or executive or judicial officers of any State, and had gone into the so-called "rebellion," was to be allowed to enter the Underwood Constitution, which provided for the exclusion from the right of voting of thousands of the very best men in Virginia? No one of the thousands of men who had been members of the old Congress, or of any State Legislature, or executive or judicial officers of any State, and had gone into the so-called "rebellion," was to be allowed to enter the Underwood Constitution, which provided for the exclusion from the right of voting of thousands of the very best men in Virginia? No one of the thousands of men who had been members of the old Congress, or of any State Legislature, or executive or judicial officers of any State, and had gone into the so-called "